Ken and Betwa rivers

†1657. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken by Government on the project of interlinking of rivers Ken and Betwa in Uttar Pradesh and the details thereof;

(b) the budget allocated for this project by Government so far and the time by which this project is going to begin and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has given up the idea of interlinking of rivers and if not, the names of the rivers which are proposed to be interlinked and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken - Betwa link was taken up by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) after signing of a tripartite agreement between the Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25.08.2005 and the same has been completed on 31.12.2008. The implementation of the project depends upon consensus of the two states on the DPR. Water being a State subject under the constitution of India, concerned State Governments take up the works of the river inter-linking projects after obtaining the techno-economic clearance from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources and investment clearance from the Planning Commission. Ken-Betwa project has been included in the list of National projects and is eligible for 90% Central Assistance.

(c) No Sir.

The names of the link proposals under National Perspective Plan (NPP) and their present status is given in the Statement.

Statement

List of water transfer links identified under NPP and their status

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1.	Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	- FR completed
2.	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link *	- FR completed
3.	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala)link	- FR completed
4.	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	- FR completed
5.	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link	- FR completed
6.	Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar link	- FR completed
7.	Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link	- FR completed
8.	Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	- FR completed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

9.	Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link	- FR completed
10.	Parbati - Kalisindh - Chambal link *	- FR completed
11.	Damanganga - Pinjal link *	- FR completed & DPR taken up
12.	Par - Tapi - Narmada link *	- FR completed & DPR taken up
13.	Ken - Betwa link *	- DPR Completed
14.	Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link	- FR completed.
15.	Netravati - Hemavati Link	- PFR completed
16.	Bedti - Varda link	- FR taken up
Himalayan Rivers Development Component		
1.	Kosi-Mechi link	- Entirely lies in Nepal
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	- FR taken up
3.	Gandak-Ganga link	- FR taken up
4.	Ghaghra- Yamuna link	- FR completed (for Indian portion)
5.	Sarda-Yamuna link	- FR completed (for Indian portion)
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	- S&I Works completed
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	- FR taken up
8.	Chunar(at Ganga)-Sone Barrage link	- S&I Works completed
9.	Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	- FR taken up
10.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link	- FR taken up
11.	Jogighopa (at Brahmaputra) -Tista	-Ganga at Farakka
	(Alternate to M-S-T-G) link	- FR taken up
12.	Ganga (Farakka)-Sunderbans link	- S&I Works completed
13.	Ganga-Damodar-Subernarekha link	- S&I Works completed
14.	Subernarekha-Mahanadi link	- S&I Works completed

*Priority links

PFR- Pre-Feasibility Report; FR- Feasibility Report; DPR- Detailed Project Report

S&I - Survey & Investigation.

Decline in major rivers water level

1658. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: